Attending Surgeon's Report

One Bullet May Have Caused Death

DALLAS (UPI) — President Kennedy was shot through the throat and head, possibly by the same bullet, the attending surgeon said Friday.

Dr. Malcolm Perry, 34, said "there was an entrance wound below his Adam's apple. There was another wound in the back of his head."

Two of the 10 physicians in attendance on the President said it was possible that one bullet entered the throat and went through the back of the President's head. It was possible, they said, that he was hit by two bullets, but they doubted it.

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Perry said he was summoned immediately after the President was brought to the emergency entrance of Parkland Hospital.

"I noticed he was in critical condition from a wound in the neck and head," Perry said.

"Immediate respiration methods were taken and Dr. (Kemp) Clark was summoned along with other members of the surgical staff.

Throat Opened

"They arrived immediately, but at this point he was critical and moribund. Dr. Clark asisted respiration with oxygen, an anesthetic machine and an endo-tracheal tube. A tracheotomy was performed."

The President's throat was opened.

"Blood and fluids were given," Perry said.

Clark said, "They called me because the President had a brain wound. Tracheotomy and resuscitation were done to relieve the possibility of air being in the pleural space, between the lung and the chest.

"We inserted chest tubes.

"Shortly after I arrived, the President lost his heart action."

Perry tried "closed chest cardiac massage," to no avail.

The pulse was detected briefly, "but to no avail," Clark said.

The physicians were too busy to notice the time, but arbitrarily declared 2 p.m. EST the time of death.

Clark said the President lived 40 minutes from the time of the shooting until death was pronounced.